

Claims:

C1. An electric deterrent device comprising:

- a) a base having at least two areas which are of a non-conductive material;
- b) said base being attachable to a surface;
- c) at least a pair of electricity conducting elements attached to said non-conductive areas of said base, each said element comprising a plurality of smaller strands braided together to form each said element; and
- d) said braided elements being attachable respectively to the positive and negative terminals of a power source.

C2. The invention of claim 1 wherein said strands of said elements are substantially round.

C3. The invention of claim 1 wherein said strands of said elements are substantially flat.

C4. The invention of claim 1 wherein said elements are attached to said base by sewing.

C5. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements have a substantially flat cross sectional configuration.

C6. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements are attached to said base by an adhesive such as glue.

C7. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements are attached to said base by sewing, gluing and heat welding.

C8. The invention of claim 1 wherein said braided elements are attached to said base by screws or staples.

C9. The invention of claim 1 wherein a plurality of said strands are stainless steel.

C10. The invention of claim 1 wherein a plurality of said strands are copper.

- C11. The invention of claim 1 wherein a plurality of said strands are zinc coated copper.
- C12. The invention of claim 1 wherein said base is constructed of cellular, rigid or flexible polyvinyl chloride.
- C13. The invention of claim 1 wherein said base is constructed of any elastomeric material.
- C14. The invention of claim 1 wherein each said braided element resides within an appropriately sized channel within said base.
- C15. The invention of claim 1 in which said braided element comprises some strands of a conductive material and other strands of a non-conductive material.
- C16. In an electrical animal, pest or bird deterrent device comprising a base that is attachable to the surface from which the animal, pest or bird is to be deterred, and at least a pair of electrically conductive elements attached to the base and attachable to a power source, the improvement comprising said conductive elements comprising a plurality of individual strands woven together in a braid-like fashion.
- C17. The invention of claim 16 in which said elements are attached to said base by sewing.
- C18. The invention of claim 16 in which some of said individual strands are made of a conductive material and some are not.
- C19. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are made of metal.
- C20. The invention of claim 19 in which said strands are constructed of stainless steel, copper, or zinc plated copper, or a combination thereof.

- C21. The invention of claim 16 in which said base is constructed entirely of a non-conductive material.
- C22. The invention of claim 16 in which said base is constructed entirely of cellular, flex or rigid polyvinyl chloride.
- C23. The invention of claim 16 in which said base is constructed entirely of a material selected from the group of neoprene, fluoroelastomer, silicone, natural rubber, buna n (nitrile), buna s (SBR), thermoplastic rubber, synthetic polyisoprene, EPDM and polyurethane.
- C24. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are substantially circular in cross section.
- C25. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are substantially flat in cross-section.
- C26. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are woven tightly together.
- C27. The invention of claim 16 in which said strands are woven loosely together.